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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non-Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 2006. Reconsideration and further examination are requested..

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2042.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

Entry of the remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.